

REMARKS

Claims 78, 98-115 and 119-123 are pending in this application.

In the outstanding Official Action, claims 78, 98-115 and 119-123 are subjected to a specie election.

I. Species Election

The Examiner has election of a single species for prosecution on the merits in claims 78, 98-115 and 119-123 under 35 U.S.C. §121. Specifically, the Examiner has required that Applicants elect a single species from the following list of species: semen; blood; blood cells; blood constituents; and umbilical cord blood.

Applicants hereby provisionally elect semen as the species for election, without traverse. Applicants submit that claims 78, 98-110, 114-115 and 119-123 encompass the elected species.

Applicants note that upon allowance of a generic claim, applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.141.

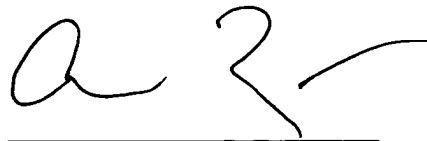
CONCLUSION

Having made the required election, examination on the merits is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner deem that any further action by Applicants' undersigned representative is desirable and/or necessary, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number set forth below.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, Applicants petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

Respectfully submitted,

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